

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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FOR:              CONTINUOUS SELECTIVE ION EXCHANGE PROCESS AND APPARATUS

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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Official Action dated April 11, 2007, please amend the above-identified patent application in the following manner.